

Remarks

The Specification has been amended in paragraphs [0015] and [0018] as requested by the Examiner. Also, claims 10 and 20 have been canceled. With these amendments and claim cancellations there is no need to amend the Drawings.

Claims 1-2, 6-9, 11-14, 18-19, and 21-23 remain.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claim 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 as now amended includes the limitations of former dependent claim 5 and intervening claims 3 and 4. Also, claim 1 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph.

Claim 13 as now amended includes the limitations of former dependent claim 17 and intervening claims 15 and 16. Also, claim 18 has been amended to be consistent with the amendment to claim 13.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for a Notice of Allowance. The Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney if a telephone conference is needed to address any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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